

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Griffith**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Supporting Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain
4 special registration plates designed to express support for education; specifying
5 the persons who may apply for the special registration plates and limiting the
6 classes of vehicles for which the plates may be issued; requiring an applicant for
7 the plates to pay, in addition to the annual registration fee, a fee established by
8 the Administration subject to certain requirements and limitations; providing
9 that the additional fee is not required for certain vehicles; providing for the
10 distribution of a certain portion of the fees to certain local governing bodies to be
11 used for certain educational purposes; and generally relating to the issuance of
12 special registration plates expressing support for education.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 13-619.3
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 13-619.3.

22 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR
23 QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE EXPRESSING
24 SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION.

25 (B) THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER
26 A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR
27 PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE
28 BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL

1 OR SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS
2 INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

- 3 (1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;
- 4 (2) A CLASS B (FOR HIRE) VEHICLE;
- 5 (3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED
6 CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;
- 7 (4) A CLASS E (FARM TRUCK) VEHICLE;
- 8 (5) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR
- 9 (6) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

10 (C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE
11 REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A REGISTRATION
12 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:

13 (I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A
14 ONE-TIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S
15 COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

16 (II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE AND EACH
17 TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE SET BY THE
18 ADMINISTRATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY IN
19 WHICH THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED.

20 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES FUNDS
21 DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL USE THE FUNDS, IN CONSULTATION
22 WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OR, IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE BOARD OF
23 SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES IN A MANNER THAT
24 MAXIMIZES THE DIRECT EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO STUDENTS AND DOES NOT PAY
25 FOR THE SALARIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL OR TEACHERS.

26 (3) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT
27 REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER §
28 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.

29 (4) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE
30 CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR
31 DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2004.